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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Satoe OKAYASU et al.  
Serial No.: 09/779,855  
Filed: February 9, 2001  
For: METHOD OF REFERRING TO DIGITAL WATERMARK  
INFORMATION EMBEDDED IN A MARK IMAGE  
Group: 2134  
Examiner: J. Lipman

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 15, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2004, the period for reply thereto being extended three months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire February 26, 2005, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.